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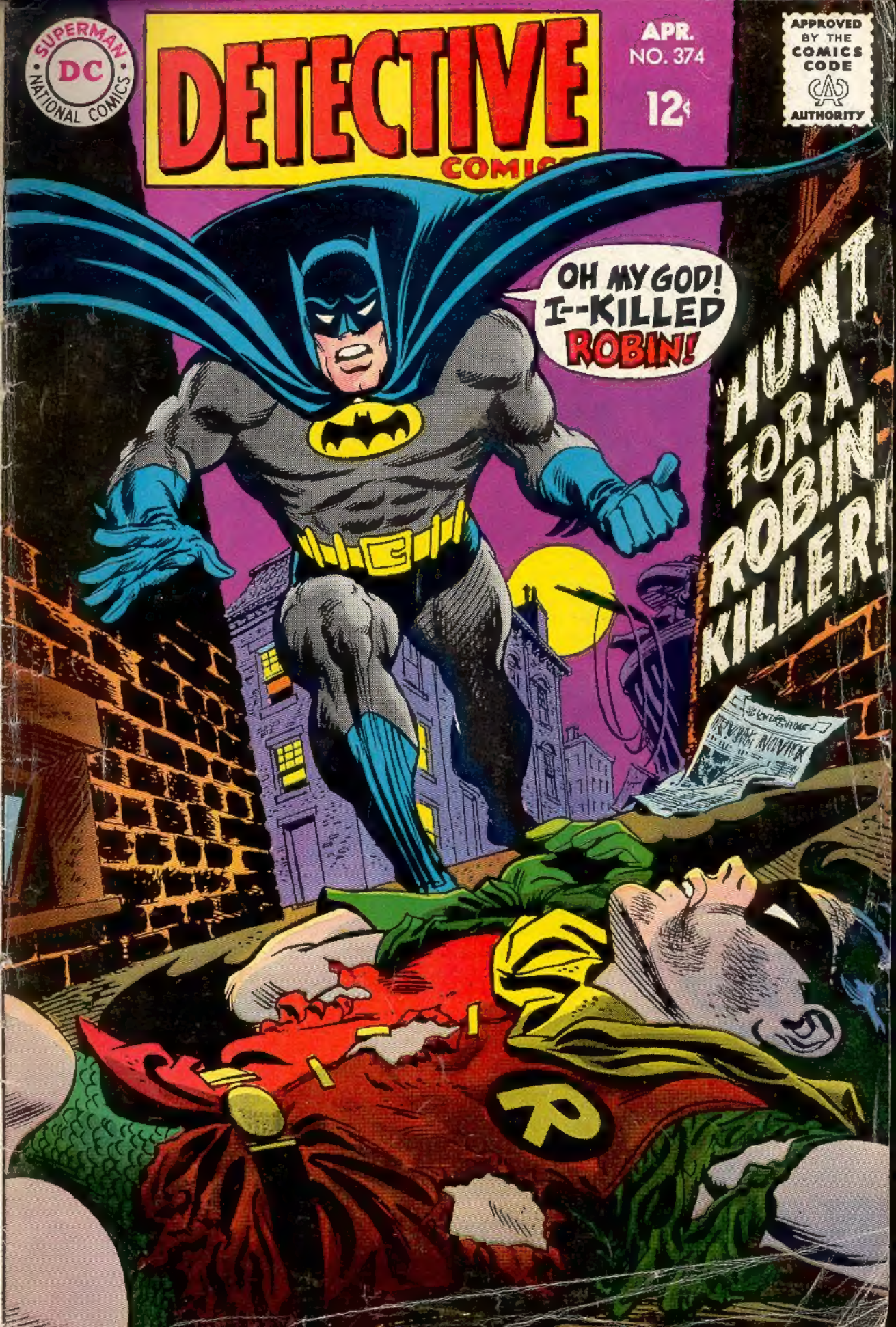
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OH MY GOD!  
I-KILLED  
ROBIN!

HUNT  
FOR A  
ROBIN  
KILLER!







AMERICA'S GREATEST VALUES IN SCIENCE LABS AND COURSES!

# Now Space Age Science for Everyone AMAZING KIT-A-MONTH CLUB

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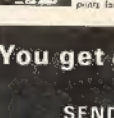
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# BATMAN

With ROBIN The Boy Wonder

## "HUNT for a ROBIN-KILLER!"

THESE ARE THE HATE-FILLED EYES OF A KILLER, SEARCHING THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY FOR PREY...



SUDDENLY--THE EYES BULGE WITH THE EXCITEMENT OF DISCOVERY...



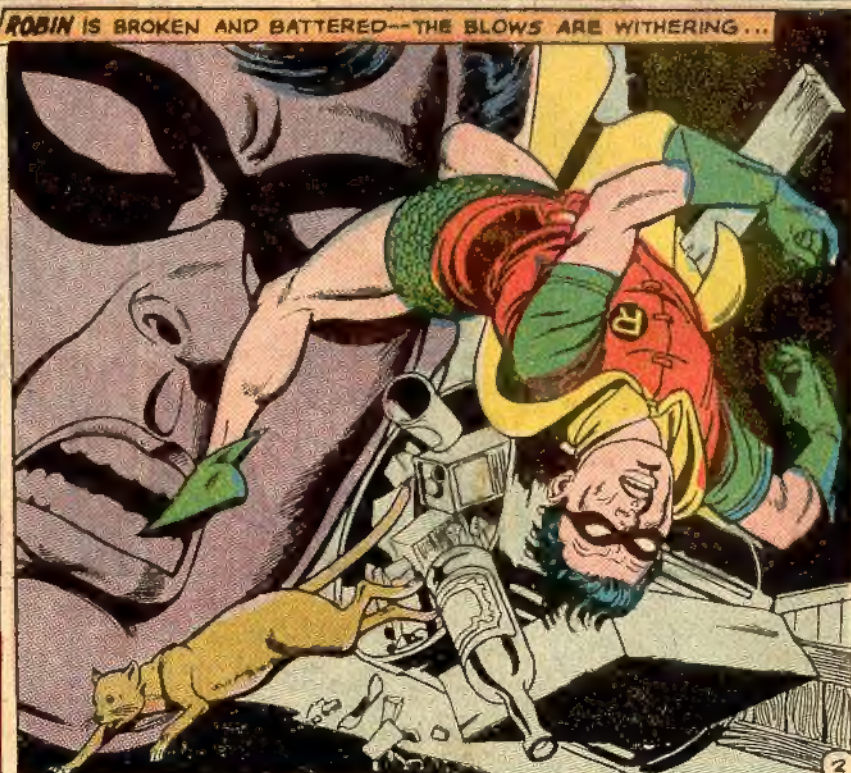
INTO A DARK ALLEYWAY STALKS THE KILLER--FINGERS TENSING, OPENING AND CLOSING, ITCHING TO BE TURNED LOOSE UPON THEIR TARGET OF HOMICIDAL HATE...



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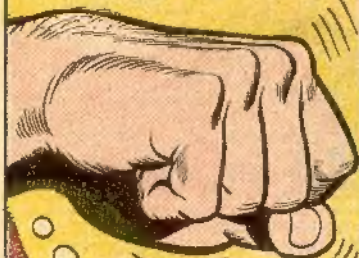




ROBIN IS FLUNG ABOUT LIKE A RAG DOLL BY THE BARRAGE OF FISTS...

DOWN COMES THE DEATH-BLOW-- WHEN A SHOUT FREEZES THE FIST IN MID-AIR...

COME ON, ROBIN-- I'VE GOT THEM ALL!



BATMAN'S VOICE?!



IT'S EITHER MY FINISH-- OR ROBIN'S!

THE CHOICE IS OBVIOUS...

A BLACK SHADOW SLIPS FORWARD-- SHROUDS THE SPRAWLED-OUT YOUTH...



ROBIN!!!

A SOB OF ANGUISH RIPS THROUGH THE CORDED THROAT OF BATMAN-- A SHAKING HAND STRETCHES FORWARD...



OH MY GOD! IT'S ALL-- MY FAULT!

I-- KILLED ROBIN!

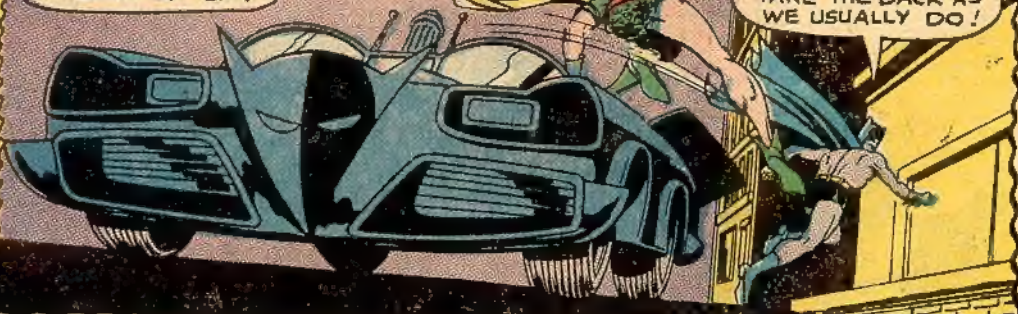
**WHY** DOES THE CAPED CRUSADER BLAME HIMSELF FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE BOY WONDER? WHAT REASON CAN HE HAVE FOR HIS TERRIBLE FEELING OF GUILT?...



SHORT MOMENTS BEFORE, THE **TEEN TITAN** WAS HIS USUAL HAPPY-GO-LUCKY SELF AS...

WE HAVE THE **LEMON BROTHERS** CORNERED IN THE WAREHOUSE, **BATMAN!** LET'S PUT THE SQUEEZE ON 'EM!

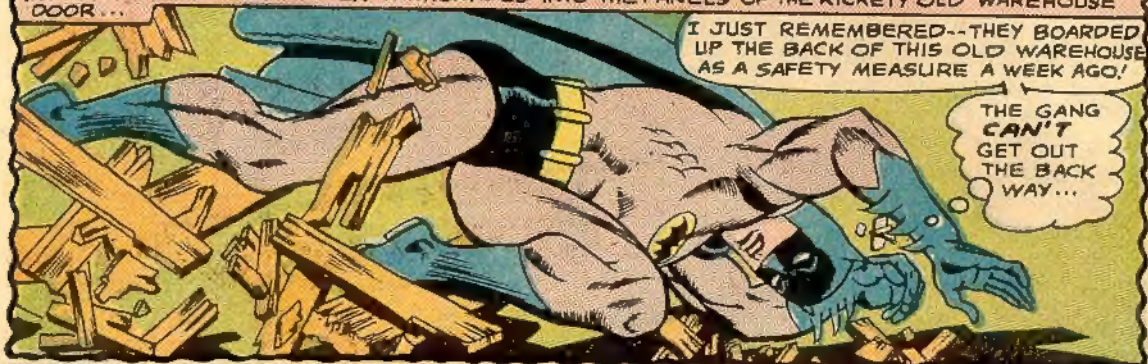
I'LL GO IN THE FRONT WAY, **ROBIN**-- YOU TAKE THE BACK AS WE USUALLY DO!



AS THE **MASKED MANHUNTER** CANNONADED INTO THE PANELS OF THE RICKETY OLD WAREHOUSE DOOR...

I JUST REMEMBERED--THEY BOARDED UP THE BACK OF THIS OLD WAREHOUSE AS A SAFETY MEASURE A WEEK AGO!

THE GANG CAN'T GET OUT THE BACK WAY...



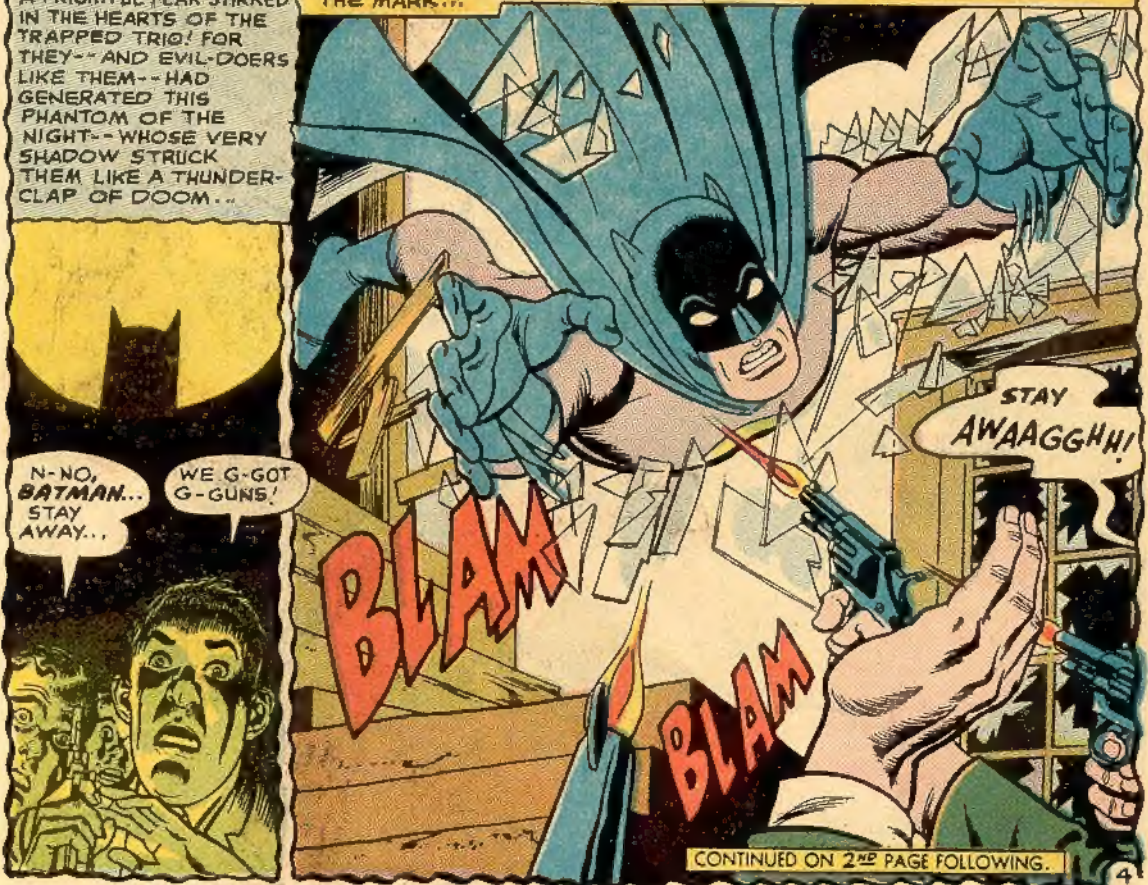
IN THE GLOOMY CONFINES OF THE WAREHOUSE, A FRIGHTFUL FEAR STIRRED IN THE HEARTS OF THE TRAPPED TRIO! FOR THEY--AND EVIL-DOERS LIKE THEM--HAD GENERATED THIS PHANTOM OF THE NIGHT--WHOSE VERY SHADOW STRUCK THEM LIKE A THUNDER-CLAP OF DOOM...

NERVES SNAPPED BEFORE THE ATTACK OF THIS NIGHTMARE NEMESIS OF THE **GOOTHAM CITY** UNDERWORLD! GUNS FIRED--BUT FAR WIDE OF THE MARK...

N-NO, **BATMAN**... STAY AWAY...

WE G-GOT G-GUNS!

STAY AWAAAGGH!



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# INTRODUCING CIGARBOX<sup>TM</sup> CARS. A NEW COLLECTION

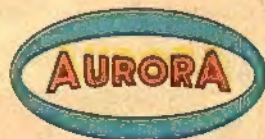
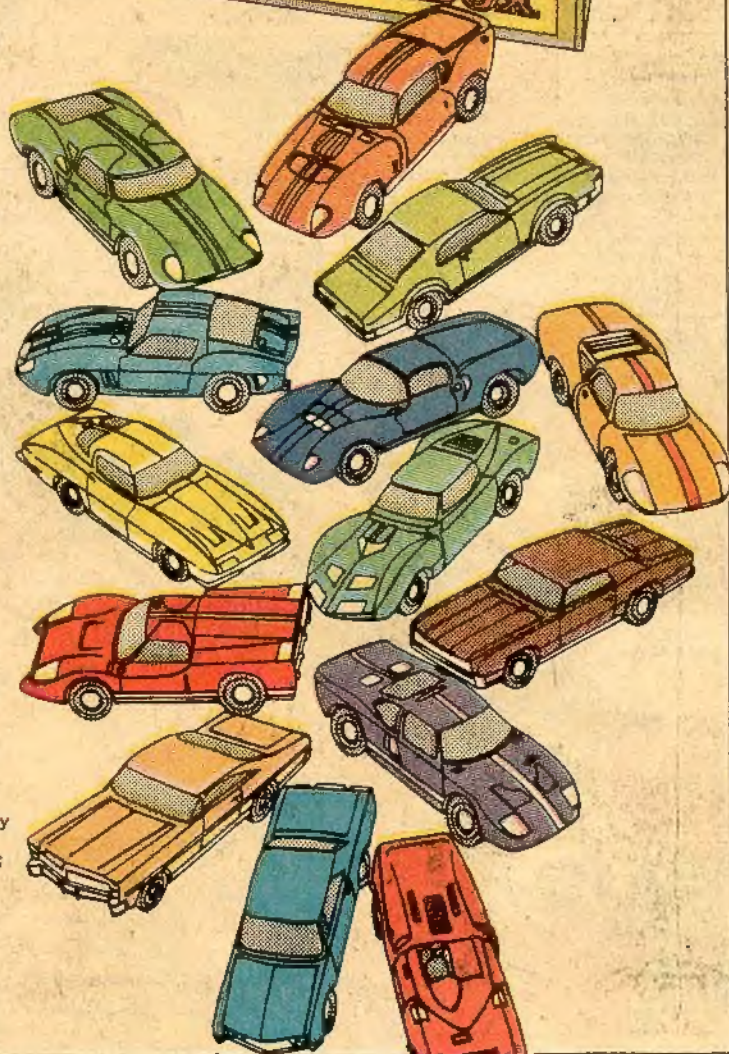
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A CLOAK RUSTLED  
IN THE BLACK  
SILENCE WHERE  
ONLY THE GASPS  
OF PANIC-STRICKEN  
MEN WERE  
HEARD! AND  
THEN--



A THUG SCREAMED--AS A PALM-EDGE SHUT OFF HIS VOICE IN MID-CRY...



WHIRLING,  
THE  
GOTHAM  
GANGBUSTER  
DROVE A  
HAND FASTER  
THAN THE  
EYE COULD  
FOLLOW...



HANDS LIKE STEEL SPRINGS LOCKED ON A GUN-WRIST AND TERROR WAS A  
VOICE SCREECHING OUT LOUD...



AND AFTER THE SPLINTER-  
ING CRASH--QUIET...

WHAT'S  
KEEPING  
ROBIN?

HE MUST HAVE  
SEEN THE  
BACK DOOR  
BOARDED  
UP BY THIS  
TIME!

WHY HAVN'T  
HE RETURNED?





MEMORY BRINGS A RENEWED SENSE OF GUILT...

I SENT HIM HERE ON A FOOL'S ERRAND--

INTO THE WAITING JAWS OF DEATH--

WAIT! ROBIN'S ALIVE! HIS HEART'S STILL BEATING--!

GOT TO GET HIM TO A DOCTOR...!

HOPE DAWNS IN THE MOIST EYES AND HEAVY HEART OF THE **CAPED CRUSADER**...

THERE'S A HOSPITAL A COUPLE OF BLOCKS AWAY!

HE MOVES LOST AND LONELY THROUGH THE NIGHT, WEIGHED DOWN BY THE LIMP BURDEN IN HIS ARMS...

IT WAS *MY* STUPID MISTAKE--

WHY SHOULD **ROBIN** HAVE TO SUFFER FOR IT...?

A HOSPITAL DOOR SWINGS WIDE, AS WARMTH AND LIGHT SWEEP OUTWARD TO ENGULF DESPAIRING MAN AND LIFELESS BOY...

PULL HIM THROUGH, DOCTOR-- YOU'VE GOT TO...

WE'LL DO OUR BEST, **BATMAN**--

SLOWLY, **BATMAN** TURNS AWAY AS THE INERT **ROBIN** IS WHEELED TOWARDS EMERGENCY CARE. HIS GREAT FRAME STRAIGHTENS. SMALL VEINS STAND OUT ON HIS FEATURES! MUSCLES CORD IN HIS THROAT! HIS EYES BECOME FIRES! HIS MOUTH A SNARL...

WHOEVER DID THIS TO **ROBIN**-- IS OUT THERE...

I'LL FIND HIM-- I'LL FIND HIM IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

WOE TO **ROBIN'S** ASSAILANT! AN ENRAGED **BATMAN** HAS BECOME A TERRIBLE FIGURE OF VENGEANCE!



EYES THAT HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO DETECT AND OBSERVE SCAN THE SCENE OF THE BRUTAL ATTACK...



**BATMAN** MOBILE BEGIN THEIR RELENTLESS HUNT FOR A **ROBIN-KILLER**...





A RED RAGE POWERS THE STEEL THEWS OF THE GREAT CRIME-FIGHTER AS...

I'M TAKING  
YOU IN FOR  
ASSAULT--

AND  
MAYBE--  
FOR  
MURDER!

WHAM!

LAY OFF ME! WHAT  
RIGHT YOU GOT TO...  
UNNKKK!

I'M GIVING YOU NO  
CHANCE TO WHALE  
AWAY AT ME-- THE  
WAY YOU DID TO  
ROBIN!

I-- I'VE  
NEVER LA D  
EYES ON  
ROBIN!

I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH  
HATE FOR ANY HUMAN  
BEING! I'M CAUGHT UP  
IN A COMPULSIVE  
VENDETTA!

YOU  
GOTTA  
BELIEVE--

AM I PULLING MY  
PUNCHES-- JUST  
ENOUGH-- TO KEEP  
FROM KNOCKING HIM  
OUT CLEANLY-- AND  
MERCIFULLY?

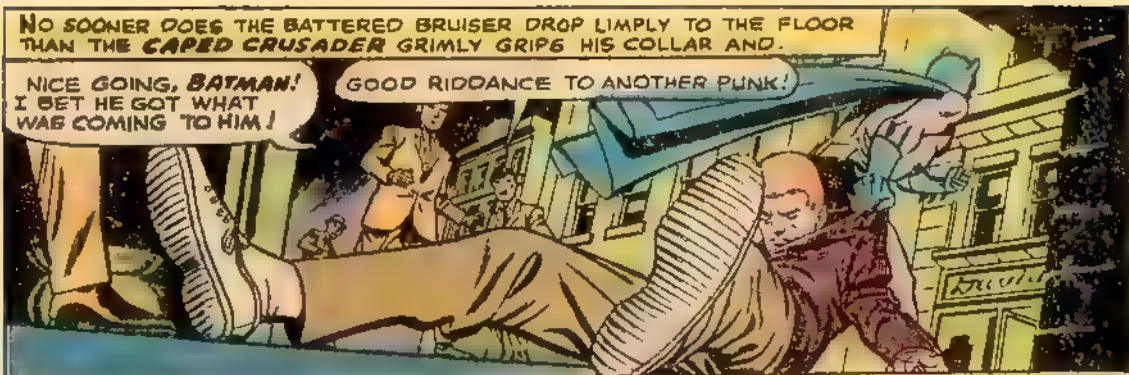
WELL-- ENOUGH  
IS ENOUGH!



NO SOONER DOES THE BATTERED BRUISER DROP LIMPLY TO THE FLOOR THAN THE **CAPED CRUSADER** GRIMLY GRIPS HIS COLLAR AND...

NICE GOING, **BATMAN**! I BET HE GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO HIM!

GOOD RIDDANCE TO ANOTHER PUNK!



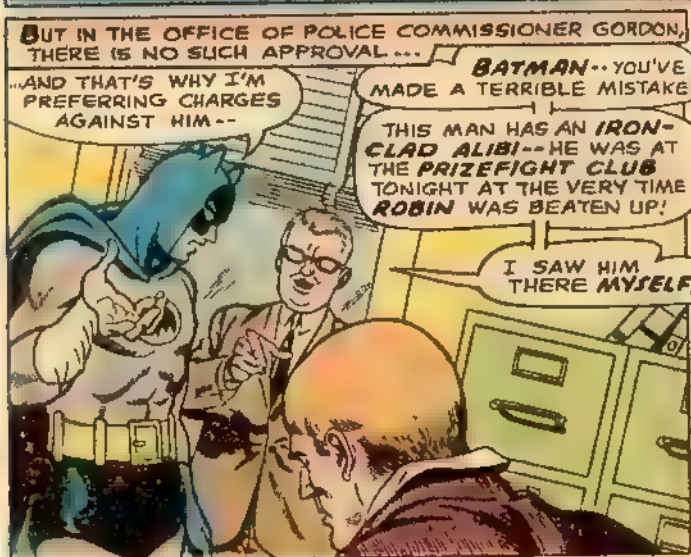
BUT IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON, THERE IS NO SUCH APPROVAL...

...AND THAT'S WHY I'M PREFERRED CHARGES AGAINST HIM--

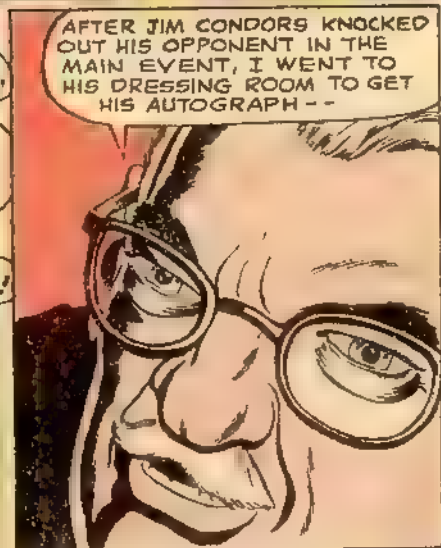
**BATMAN**--YOU'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!

THIS MAN HAS AN **IRON-CLAD ALIBI**--HE WAS AT THE **PRIZEFIGHT CLUB** TONIGHT AT THE VERY TIME **ROBIN** WAS BEATEN UP!

I SAW HIM THERE MYSELF!



AFTER **JIM CONDORS** KNOCKED OUT HIS OPPONENT IN THE MAIN EVENT, I WENT TO HIS DRESSING ROOM TO GET HIS AUTOGRAPH--



"AT THE PRECISE MOMENT **ROBIN** WAS BEING ATTACKED-- I WAS HANDING HIM MY FIGHT-CARD FOR HIS SIGNATURE!"

MIND SIGNING THIS, **CONDORS**?

BE GLAD TO, COMMISSIONER! I WAS EXPECTING YOU--

EVERYBODY IN THE BOXING GAME KNOWS YOUR HOBBY IS COLLECTING OUR AUTOGRAPHS--

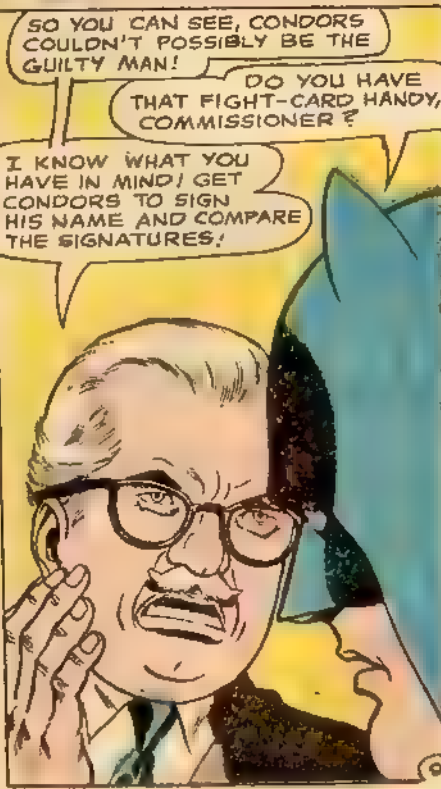
"I WATCHED HIM TURN TO THE WALL AND AUTOGRAPH MY FIGHT-CARD..."



SO YOU CAN SEE, **CONDORS** COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE THE GUILTY MAN!

DO YOU HAVE THAT FIGHT-CARD HANDY, COMMISSIONER?

I KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND! GET **CONDORS** TO SIGN HIS NAME AND COMPARE THE SIGNATURES!





MOMENTS AFTERWARD...

Jim Condors

Jim Condors

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT--  
THE SAME MAN  
SIGNED BOTH  
NAMES...

YOUR GUILT-COMPLEX  
OVER FOOLISHLY SENDING  
**ROBIN** INTO THAT TRAP--  
YOUR RAGING RESOLVE TO  
FIND HIS "KILLER"--WARPED  
YOUR JUDGMENT! YOU  
BETTER COOL OFF, **BATMAN**--  
LET THE POLICE HANDLE  
THIS CASE!

THEN-- IT'S JIM CONDORS' TURN TO BELLOW AT **BATMAN**...

I'M SUING  
YOU,  
**BATMAN**!

I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A  
MILLION BUCKS FOR  
ASSAULT AND BATTERY  
FROM YOU AND **GOTHAM**  
**CITY**--PLUS A RESTRAINING  
ORDER TO PREVENT YOU  
FROM ATTACKING INNOCENT  
PEOPLE!

THE LAW HAS GOTTA  
CLAMP DOWN ON YOU  
COSTUMED CRIME-  
FIGHTERS--PUT YOU  
OUT OF BUSINESS!

STUNNED BY THE ODD TWIST THE CASE HAS TAKEN, AND WORRIED OVER **ROBIN**, **BATMAN** VISITS  
THE HOSPITAL ROOM WHERE...

D-DID YOU--GET  
HIM-- **BATMAN**?

Y-YES, I DID,  
**ROBIN**!

I--I'VE  
NEVER LIED TO  
**ROBIN** BEFORE!  
BUT THIS TIME--

MOMENTARILY, HE IS COMFORTED BY THE DOCTOR...

**BATMAN**, YOU'VE DONE **ROBIN**  
MORE GOOD WITH THOSE FEW  
WORDS THAN I COULD DO  
WITH ALL MY MEDICINE!

WHAT BULLY?  
WHEN **ROBIN**  
FINDS OUT  
I FAILED--

I EXPECT HE'LL BE MENDING  
RAPIDLY FROM NOW ON--  
BE IN GOOD SHAPE TO  
TESTIFY AGAINST THAT  
BULLY YOU CAUGHT...

ONE OTHER THING TROUBLES THE **CAPED CRUSADER**...

IT WAS WORTH YOUR  
DISCOVERING **ROBIN'S**  
SECRET IDENTITY TO  
SAVE HIS LIFE,  
DOCTOR--

BUT I HAVEN'T THE  
SLIGHTEST IDEA WHO  
**ROBIN** IS! AFTER ALL, IN  
A CITY OF EIGHT MILLION  
PEOPLE, I CAN'T KNOW  
EVERYONE BY SIGHT...

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# THE FLASHIEST NEWS OF THE YEAR.

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sharing the spotlight with the **FLASH** in this **COLOSSAL ISSUE**—  
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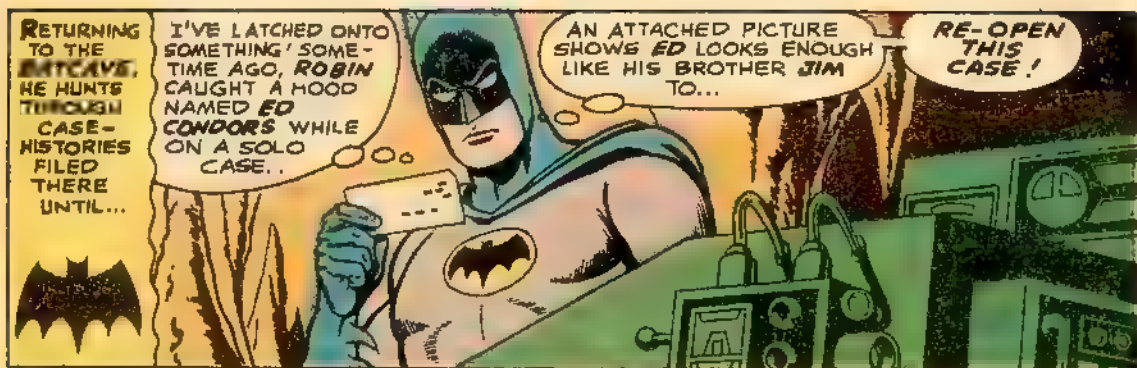
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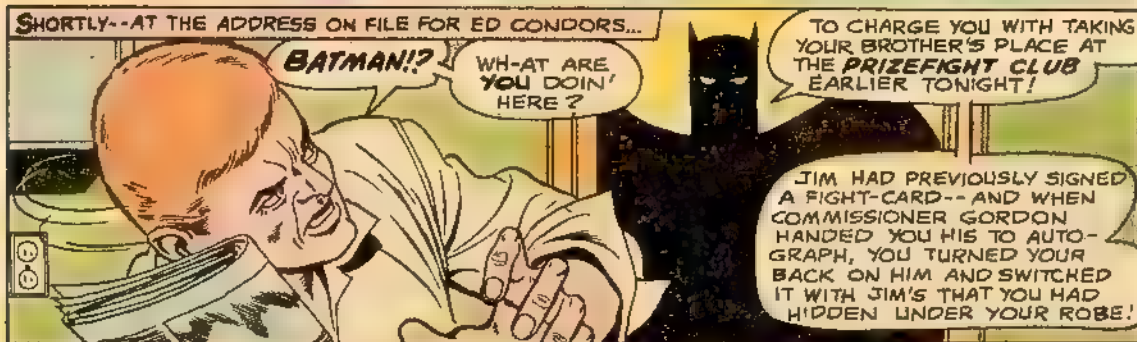


RETURNING TO THE BATCAVE, HE HUNTS THROUGH CASE-HISTORIES FILED THERE UNTIL...

I'VE LATCHED ONTO SOMETHING! SOME-TIME AGO, ROBIN CAUGHT A HOOD NAMED ED CONDORS WHILE ON A SOLO CASE...

AN ATTACHED PICTURE SHOWS ED LOOKS ENOUGH LIKE HIS BROTHER JIM TO...

RE-OPEN THIS CASE!



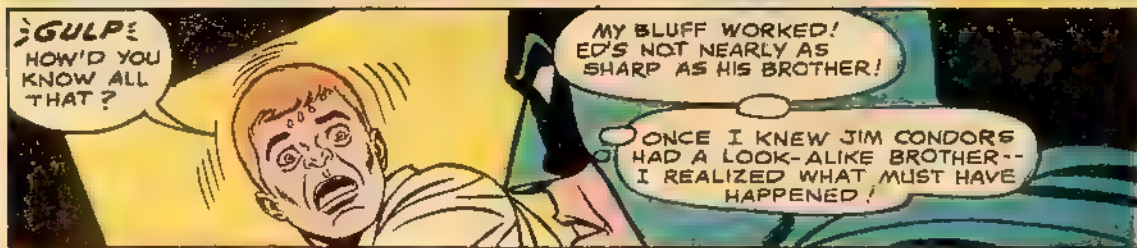
SHORTLY--AT THE ADDRESS ON FILE FOR ED CONDORS...

BATMAN!?

WH-AT ARE YOU DOIN' HERE?

TO CHARGE YOU WITH TAKING YOUR BROTHER'S PLACE AT THE PRIZEFIGHT CLUB EARLIER TONIGHT!

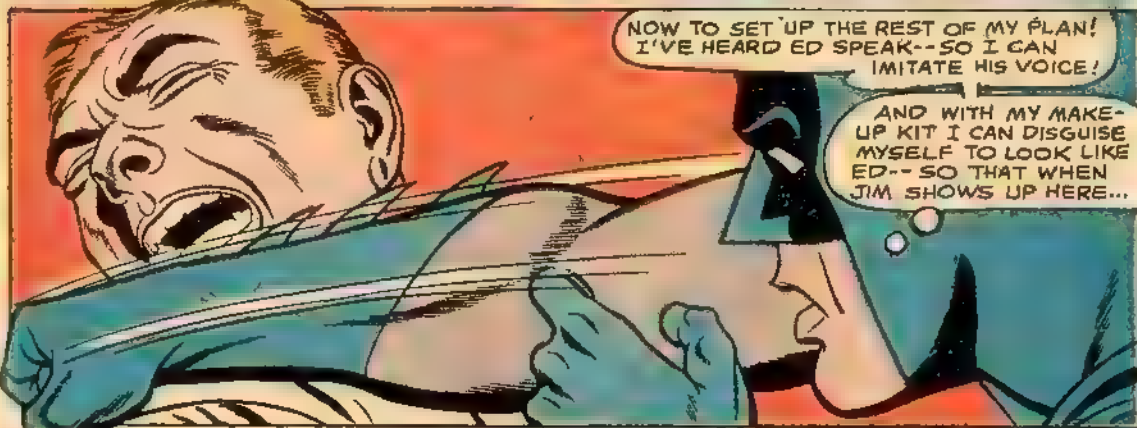
JIM HAD PREVIOUSLY SIGNED A FIGHT-CARD-- AND WHEN COMMISSIONER GORDON HANDED YOU HIS TO AUTOGRAPH, YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON HIM AND SWITCHED IT WITH JIM'S THAT YOU HAD HIDDEN UNDER YOUR ROBE!



GULP! HOW'D YOU KNOW ALL THAT?

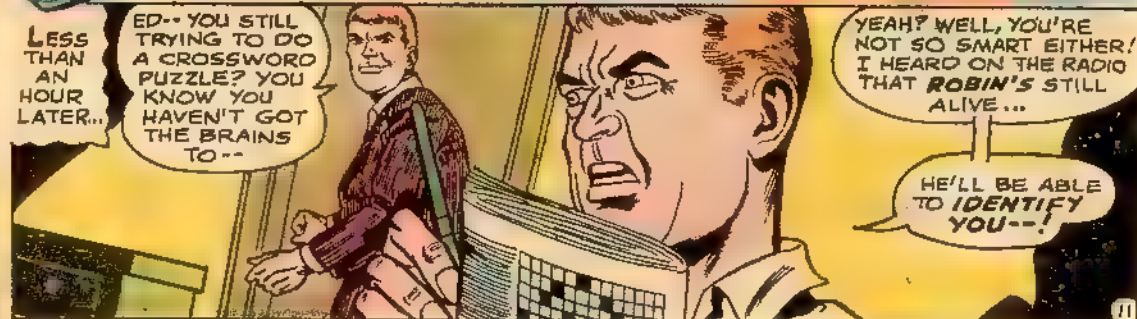
MY BLUFF WORKED! ED'S NOT NEARLY AS SHARP AS HIS BROTHER!

ONCE I KNEW JIM CONDORS HAD A LOOK-ALIKE BROTHER-- I REALIZED WHAT MUST HAVE HAPPENED!



NOW TO SET UP THE REST OF MY PLAN! I'VE HEARD ED SPEAK-- SO I CAN IMITATE HIS VOICE!

AND WITH MY MAKE-UP KIT I CAN DISGUISE MYSELF TO LOOK LIKE ED-- SO THAT WHEN JIM SHOWS UP HERE...



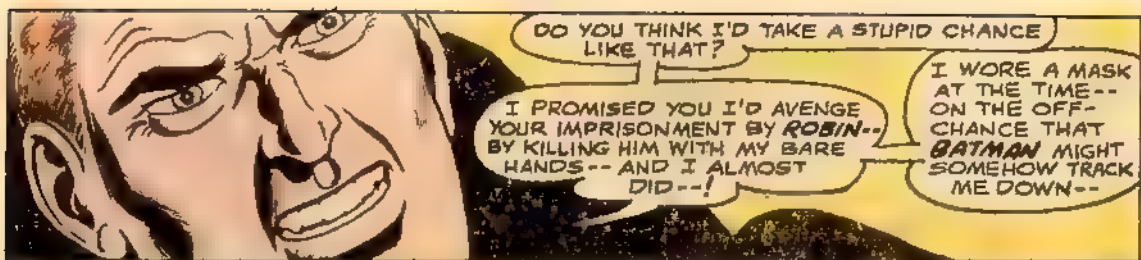
LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER...

ED-- YOU STILL TRYING TO DO A CROSSWORD PUZZLE? YOU KNOW YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE BRAINS TO--

YEAH? WELL, YOU'RE NOT SO SMART EITHER! I HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT ROBIN'S STILL ALIVE...

HE'LL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY YOU--!

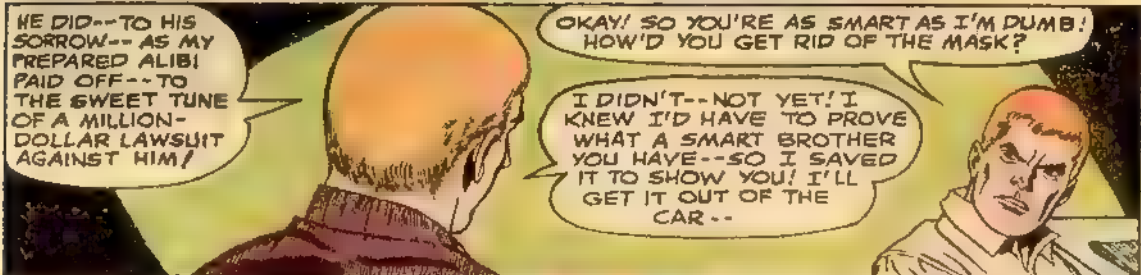




DO YOU THINK I'D TAKE A STUPID CHANCE LIKE THAT?

I PROMISED YOU I'D AVENGE YOUR IMPRISONMENT BY **ROBIN**-- BY KILLING HIM WITH MY BARE HANDS-- AND I ALMOST DID--!

I WORE A MASK AT THE TIME-- ON THE OFF-CHANCE THAT **BATMAN** MIGHT SOMEHOW TRACK ME DOWN--



HE DID--TO HIS SORROW-- AS MY PREPARED ALIBI PAID OFF-- TO THE SWEET TUNE OF A MILLION-DOLLAR LAWSUIT AGAINST HIM!

OKAY! SO YOU'RE AS SMART AS I'M DUMB! HOW'D YOU GET RID OF THE MASK?

I DIDN'T--NOT YET! I KNEW I'D HAVE TO PROVE WHAT A SMART BROTHER YOU HAVE--SO I SAVED IT TO SHOW YOU! I'LL GET IT OUT OF THE CAR--



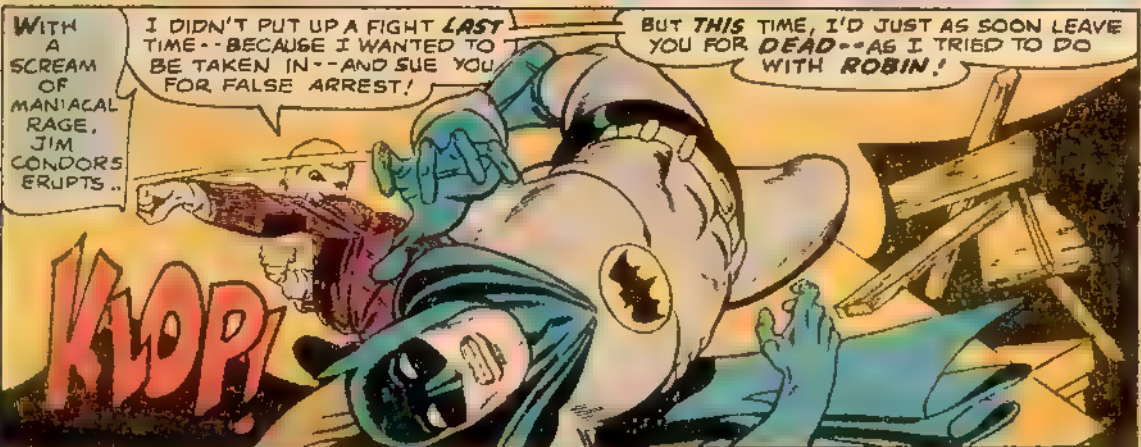
**BUT--**WHEN JIM CONDORES RETURNS WITH MASK IN HAND...

HERE IT--**BATMAN**?!

WH--WHERE'S ED?

I'M KEEPING HIM HANDY--SO BOTH HE AND **ROBIN**--CAN TESTIFY TO THAT BEATING YOU GAVE HIM...

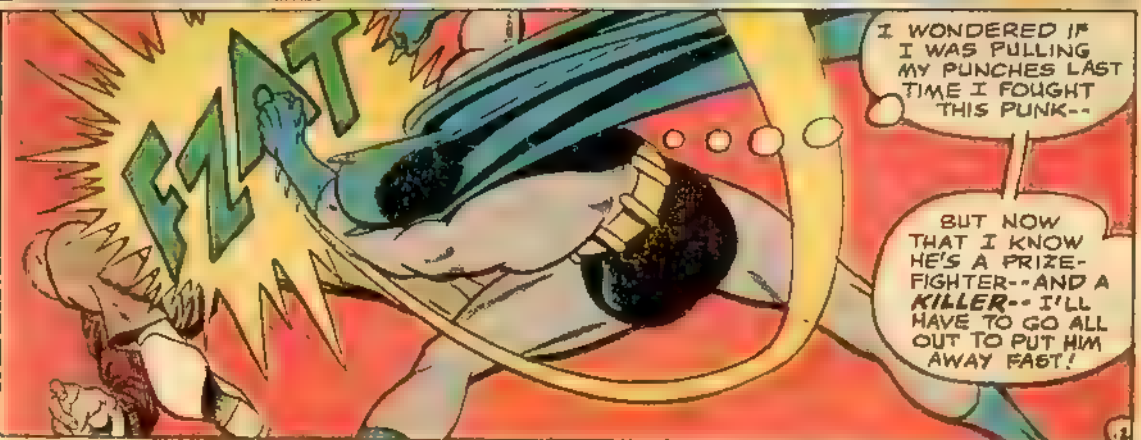
THAT MASK-- WITH YOUR FINGERPRINTS WILL BE THE CLINCHER!



WITH A SCREAM OF MANIACAL RAGE, JIM CONDORES ERUPTS...

I DIDN'T PUT UP A FIGHT **LAST** TIME-- BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE TAKEN IN-- AND SUE YOU FOR FALSE ARREST!

BUT **THIS** TIME, I'D JUST AS SOON LEAVE YOU FOR **DEAD**-- AS I TRIED TO DO WITH **ROBIN**!

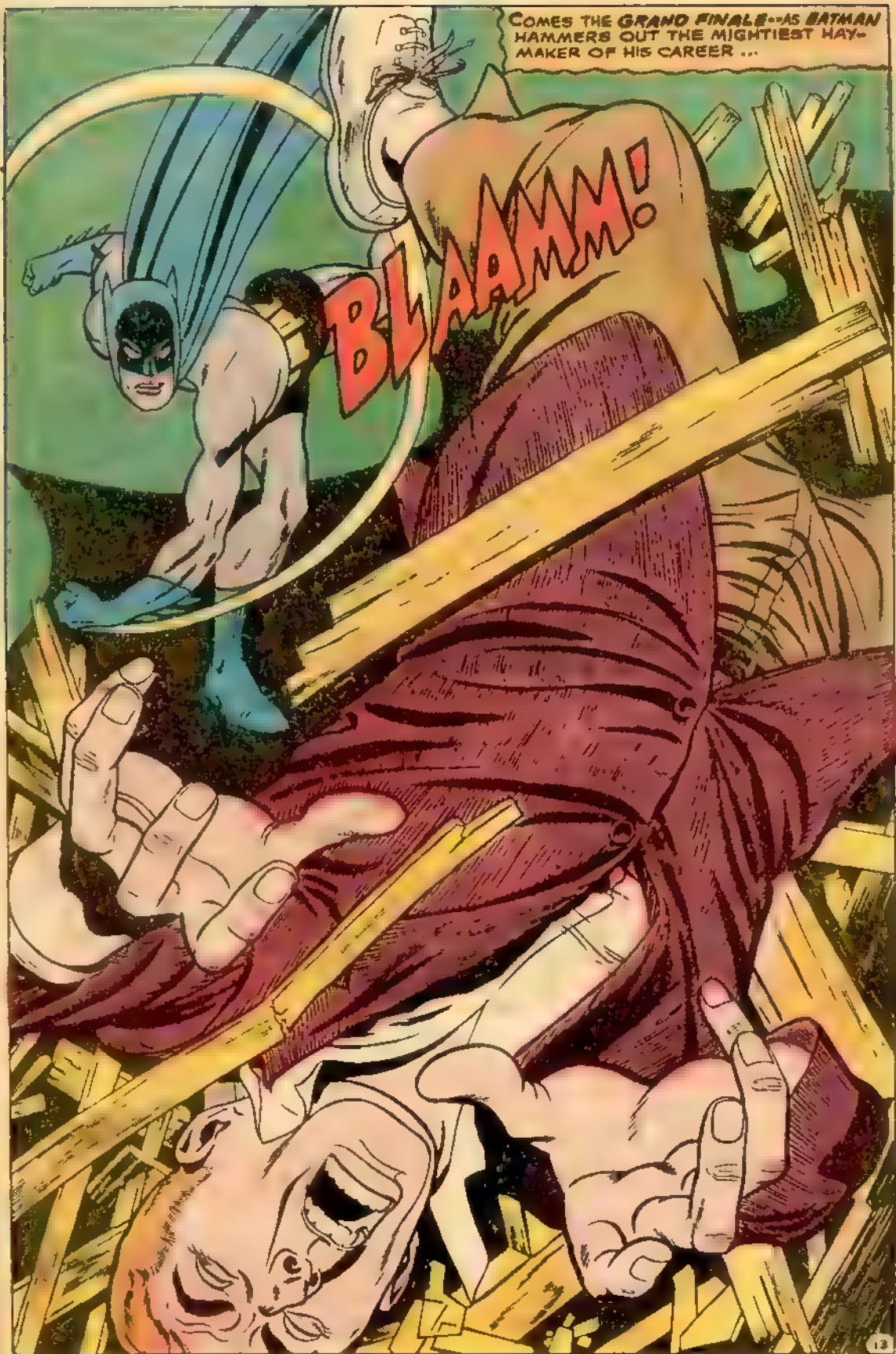


I WONDERED IF I WAS PULLING MY PUNCHES **LAST** TIME I FOUGHT THIS PUNK--

BUT NOW THAT I KNOW HE'S A PRIZE-FIGHTER-- AND A **KILLER**-- I'LL HAVE TO GO ALL OUT TO PUT HIM AWAY **FAST**!



COMES THE GRAND FINALE--AS BATMAN  
HAMMERS OUT THE MIGHTIEST HAY-  
MAKER OF HIS CAREER ...





SHORTLY, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

THAT DOES IT, **BATMAN!**  
YOU'VE CARRIED YOUR  
VENGEANCE CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST JIM CONDO'S  
TOO FAR!

RELAX, COMMISSIONER!  
THIS TIME I HAVE  
PROOF OF HIS GUILT!

SOME TIME LATER...

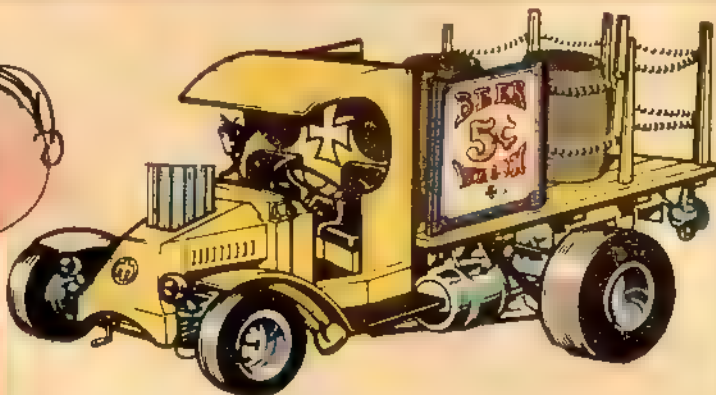
I'M RARING TO GO,  
**BATMAN!** HAVE  
YOU A NEW CASE  
LINED UP FOR  
ME--?

THAT'S THE WAY  
I LIKE TO HEAR  
YOU TALK, **ROBIN**--  
EVEN IF YOU'RE  
NOT QUITE READY  
TO TACKLE ONE--

THE BEST PART OF SEEING **ROBIN** WELL  
AGAIN--IS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MY  
"LIE" TO HIM TURNED INTO THE TRUTH--  
THAT DESPITE MY **BLINDING RAGE**,  
I MADE NO MISTAKE WHEN I ORIGINALLY  
HUNTED DOWN AND BROUGHT IN HIS  
"KILLER"!



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# BATMAN'S HOT-LINE

## DEAR EDITOR:

**Detective Comics #369**—an **epic** issue! Why?

**Reason 1: Another Batgirl** yarn! (Gee, I'll bet I'm the only one who noticed! Ha ha!)

**Reason 2.** You really loused up one of the most famous trademarks of **Robin**! Take a look on page 6, panel 2; page 8 panel 2—gee, are those **eyes** under his mask? You bet that's what they are! Listen—neither **Batman** nor **Robin** shows eyes. **No eyes!** Keep it that way! I like the eyeless look; it's always been a trait of **B&R**, and always should be! As Jules Feiffer says in "The Great Comic Book Heroes," "Batman popularized in comics the strange idea . . . that when you put on a mask, your eyes disappeared. Two white slits showed—that was all. If that didn't strike fear in the hearts of evildoers, nothing would."

**Reason 3:** Gil Kane did the cover! I liked the way everything was handled except **Bat-chick's** make-up. Tell Mr. Kane (Gil, that is) Gee hasn't he ever considered spelling his name **Kain** to avoid confusion? Gee, have you noticed how much I'm saying "Gee" this letter? that the no make-up look is in. (At least that's what my sister says.) **BG** was wearing too much lipstick!

**Reason 4:** Another "continued" story! I really enjoy the several part stories in **Detective**.

**Reason 5:** Both plots. The **Batman** episode was one of the best I've ever read. I liked the way **Batgirl** just accidentally ran into those crooks, but I liked it even more when clues led up to the capture. Anyhow, the whole story had one thing going for it—and that was **probability**. If the reader is willing to accept **Batman**, **Robin**, and **Batgirl** and of course, **Gotham City** the story might have happened—more so than many stories I've read with comic mag 'science' to back them up. (This science includes super-powers. I'm glad our **Batfolk** don't have any.)

I enjoyed the **HUMANIZATION** of our heroes. I write it that way because they are human—as opposed to super-powered **Superman**, **Flash**, **Green Lantern**, etc.

Gardner Fox never wrote a mystery better than this issue's **Elongated Man** story. "Legend of the Lovers' Lantern" was Sherlock Holmes and Watson—or Ralph and Sue—in peak performance! If only we could read more like page 7! That's what puts the detective in **Detective Comics**.

**Reason 6:** The overall art (natch).

— Billy Neville, Raleigh, N.C.

(Although Critic Neville required 6 reasons to **epicize Detective 369**, all follow-up critic Sanderson needed to cut that issue down were 2 hatchet-swinging paragraphs.—Editor)

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## DEAR EDITOR:

It's amazing! The last **Batgirl** story was boring and unimaginative. But this latest one is different! It's boring, unimaginative, and ridiculous—all at the same time! Well, it was the best you could do with such a terrible idea. **Batman** is so brave, so heroic,

and so stupid that he would continue to battle the crime-wave if he knew he might collapse at any time and be a sitting duck. Yes, he would get himself knocked off even though **Gotham City** has two other super-heroes and a large police force, who could take over for him. So, **Batgirl** and **Robin** must play guardian angels so **BM** won't succumb while or me-fighting. If he goes while driving the **Batmobile**, that's life—or is it **DEATH**? The only good part was the last page announcing **Catwoman** to come.

Although **Batgirl** was completely fooled in a recent issue into thinking **Batman** couldn't be Bruce Wayne, her father finally seems to be catching on. If the Commissioner knows the truth, things might work out better; for example, it'd be easier to contact **BM** (He can't be near the **Hot-Line** all the time!)

— Peter Sanderson, Jr., Milton, Mass.

## DEAR EDITOR

To no one's surprise, Gar Fox has come up with another winner in "Legend of the Lovers' Lantern." Where other characters have their ups and downs, the **Elongated Man** stories are consistently good; occasionally great. The story followed an established pattern. Sue gets into something she can't handle. **E-Man** steps in, and solves the problem. Yet despite this pattern, Mr. Fox **always** adds a little something to the story—like the reunited lovers—and transforms the tales from dullness to sheer entertainment. Neal Adams was an acceptable artist; the only thing he did wrong was to draw a few awkward faces, but with additional **E-Man** assignments, this hang-up should be overcome.

David Lewin, Lomita, Cal.

(Neal Adams may have been just a one-shot artist on **Elongated Man**. Look for him to put his future concentrated efforts on **Spectre** and **Deadman**—at which he is a **past master**!—Editor)

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## DEAR EDITOR:

Read **Detective 369** featuring **Batgirl**. Yes, it was excellent. Liked the story, cover, and the art. Even looks like your editing was better than usual.

With further reference to the art, I'd like to say that the artists certainly made **Batgirl** stand-out. It seems to me that they go all out when **Batgirl** is featured. That shape, that face—wow!

Also like the way you're starting to give **Batgirl** character in depth. Instead of a so-so female just getting in the way of **Batman**, you're having her think a little and starting to give her some identity outside of her **Batgirl** role. Sure; let's have plenty more **Batgirl**!

— Pittsburgh Sam, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Starting with **Detective 369**, **Batgirl** will have displayed her wares on the newsstands for about 4 months (including show-ups in **Batman** and **Justice League of America**). Let's see how she sells before we push her further.—Editor)

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STORY  
BY  
GARDNER  
FOX

# The ELONGATED Man

ART BY  
MIKE  
SEKOWSKY  
&  
SID  
GREENE

## "The AMAZING CROOK-GATCHER!"

THE THUD, THUD OF FLEEING FEET EXPLODE ON A CITY SIDEWALK AS A THIEF MAKES HIS GETAWAY--CLOSELY PURSUED BY A POLICEMAN...

MY CROOK-GATCHER  
WILL STOP HIM SHORT!



"THE POLICEMAN FIRES--JUST  
AFTER THE CROOK ROUNDS  
THE CORNER...!"

I DON'T  
HAVE TO  
SEE THAT  
BANDIT  
TO GET  
HIM!

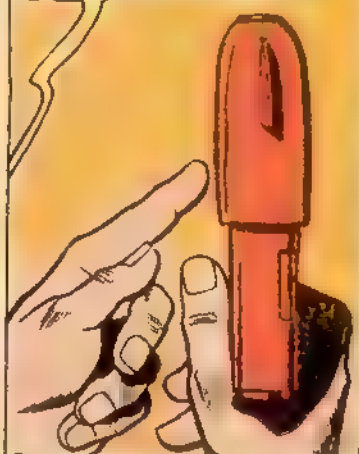
THIS SPECIAL  
BULLET  
WILL CURVE  
AROUND  
THE CORNER  
AFTER  
HIM!



"SURE ENOUGH, THE AMAZING  
BULLET DARTS AROUND THE  
CORNER--AND LIKE A HUNTER'S  
SHELL--DESIGNED TO TRANQUILIZE  
ITS QUARRY..."



HERE IT IS--THE GUN I CALL  
A CROOK-GATCHER--THE  
GREATEST DETERRENT TO  
CRIME EVER INVENTED!





AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN **BORDER CITY**, YOUNG CHARLES BRYANT IS EXPLAINING THE PRODUCT OF HIS INVENTIVE GENIUS...

JUST AS A **NIKE MISSILE** WILL TURN AND FOLLOW THE HEAT EMITTED BY AN INTER-CONTINENTAL NUCLEAR MISSILE--

SO THE SPECIAL BULLET IN MY **CROOK-GATCHER** IS DESIGNED TO REACT TO THE SPEEDED-UP HEART-BEAT AND NERVOUS SWEAT AND TENSION OF A MAN WHEN HE COMMITS A CRIME!



IT'S BASED ON THE SAME IDEA OF A **LIE DETECTOR**, WHICH WORKS ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT A PERSON'S NERVOUS SYSTEM REACTS TO THE STRESS OF A LIE--OR ROBBERY!

IT LISTENS GOOD, CHARLEY--BUT WE'D HAVE TO HAVE A **DEMONSTRATION** BEFORE WE COULD ACCEPT IT FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE!



NATURALLY--BUT I CAN'T DEMONSTRATE IT HERE AND NOW! I NEED A REAL CROOK IN THE ACT OF PULLING OFF A REAL ROBBERY.

WE JUST CAN'T LET YOU GO OUT ON PATROL TO SHOOT AT CROOKS, CHARLEY.

I KNOW--**REGULATIONS**! BUT SOONER OR LATER I'LL GET THE CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE IT FOR YOU...



HOLD UP, YOUNG MAN--

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF...

NO NEED FOR AN INTRODUCTION WHERE **YOU'RE** CONCERNED, MR. DIBNY!

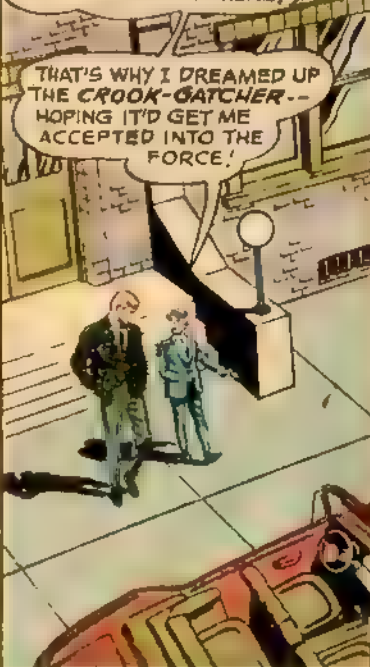
I SPOTTED YOU FOR THE FAMOUS **ELONGATED MAN** THE MOMENT I ENTERED THE POLICE STATION!



YOU SEE, I'M INTERESTED IN **LAW-KEEPERS** AS WELL AS IN **LAW-BREAKERS**!

MY GRANDFATHER, FATHER AND UNCLE WERE ALL MEMBERS OF THE **BORDER CITY** POLICE FORCE! IT'S BEEN A TRADITION IN THE FAMILY--THAT I BROKE BECAUSE I'M ONLY FIVE-FOOT-THREE--AN INCH TOO SHORT TO BE ACCEPTED AS A POLICEMAN HERE!

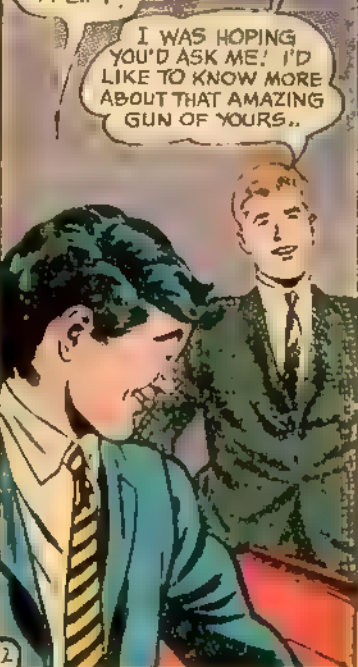
THAT'S WHY I DREAMED UP THE **CROOK-GATCHER**--HOPING IT'D GET ME ACCEPTED INTO THE FORCE!



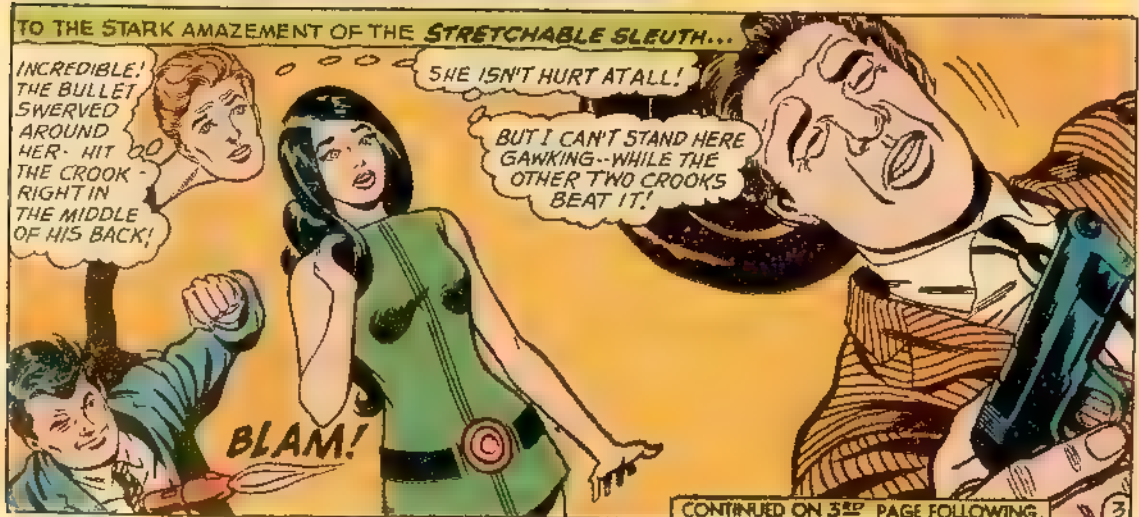
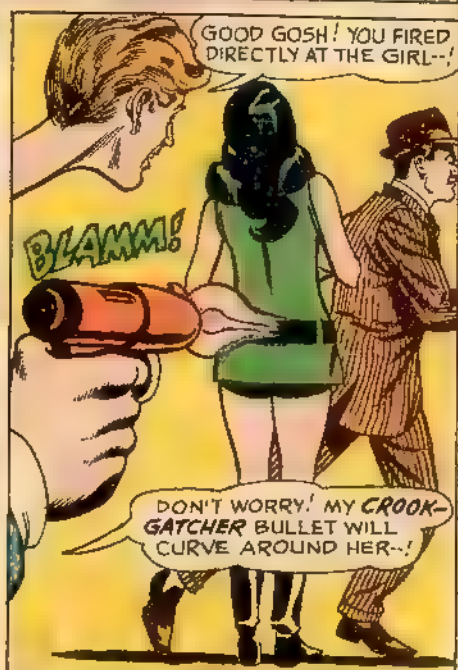
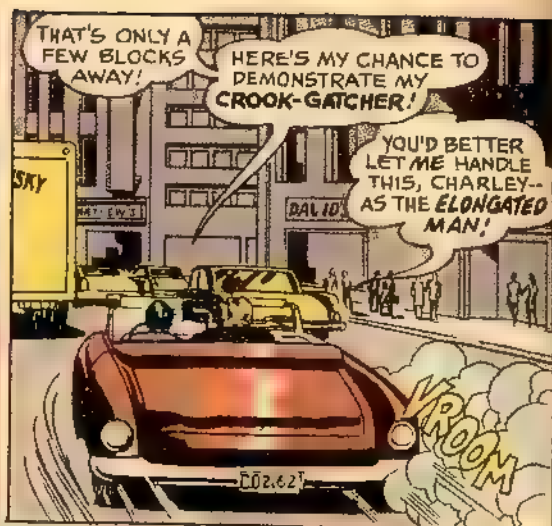
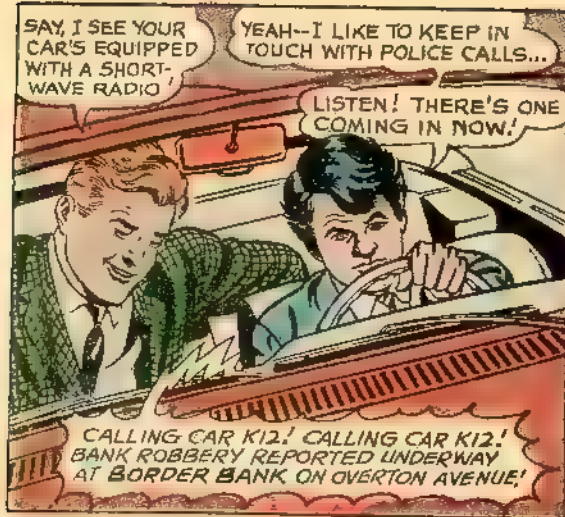
I'M IN TOWN ON BUSINESS--AND I JUST STOPPED BY TO SAY HELLO TO SOME OLD POLICE PALS OF MINE--AND NOW I'M GLAD I DID!

CAN I GIVE YOU A LIFT?


I WAS HOPING YOU'D ASK ME! I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT AMAZING GUN OF YOURS...







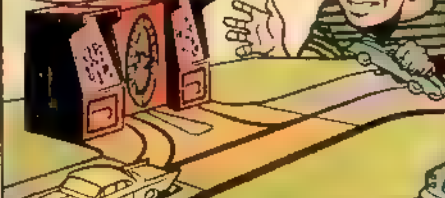




**BOB'S ALL NEW  
RACERIFIC  
SPECIAL SET**  
COMES WITH A CAR  
AND COMPLETE TRACK  
LAYOUT.

FOR COMPETITION RACING, BOB ADDED  
MORE CARS, MORE TRACK AND THE  
LE MANS TIMER...

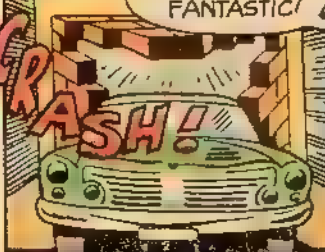
ONE MORE LAP AND  
I BEAT THE CLOCK!



FOR MORE DANGER AND  
EXCITEMENT, BOB ADDED  
THE CRASH TEST!

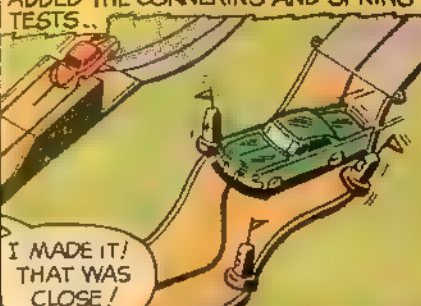
MAN, THIS IS  
FANTASTIC!

**CRASH!**



TO TEST HIS SKILL AND NERVE, BOB  
ADDED THE CORNERING AND SPRING  
TESTS...

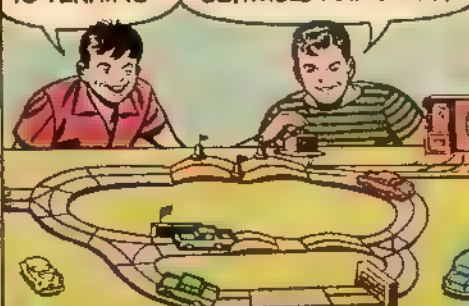
I MADE IT!  
THAT WAS  
CLOSE!



BOB  
COMPLETES  
HIS  
RACERIFIC  
LAYOUT  
WITH  
REMOTE  
CONTROL  
SWITCHES!

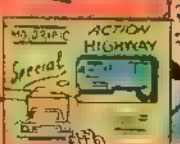
RACERIFIC  
IS TERRIFIC!

THESE REMOTE  
CONTROLS ARE GREAT!



# GO AND GROW *with* MOTORIFIC'S NEW SPECIAL SETS!

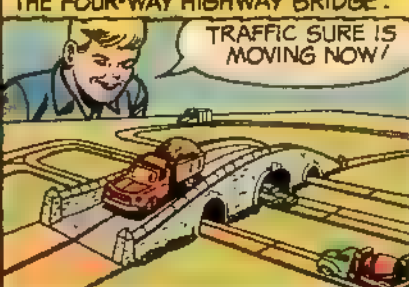
ADD ACCESSORIES... ADD FUN!  
MOTORIFIC... IT'S TERRIFIC! IT'S

**TONY'S ALL NEW  
ACTION HIGHWAY  
SPECIAL SET**  
COMES WITH A TRUCK  
AND COMPLETE TRACK  
LAYOUT.

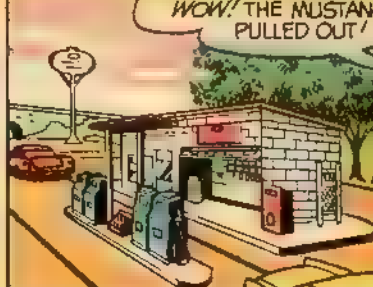
TO DOUBLE THE ACTION, TONY ADDED  
MORE TRUCKS, MORE TRACK AND  
THE FOUR-WAY HIGHWAY BRIDGE.

TRAFFIC SURE IS  
MOVING NOW!



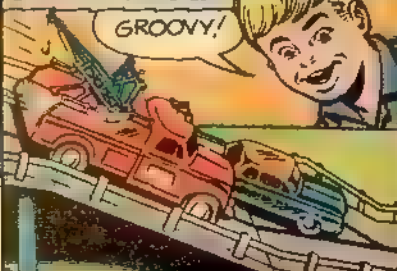
FOR REALISM, TONY ADDED THE  
AUTOMATIC SERVICE CENTER...

WOW! THE MUSTANG  
PULLED OUT!



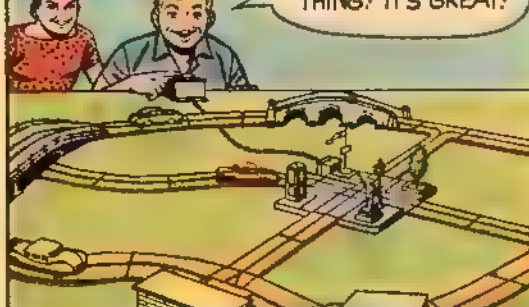
WHEN TONY ADDED THE TWO-LANE  
BY-PASS, EXCITEMENT REALLY  
STARTED TO BUILD.

GROOVY!



TONY  
COMPLETES  
HIS  
ACTION  
HIGHWAY  
LAYOUT  
WITH THE  
REMOTE  
CONTROL  
INTERSECTION.

IT'S THE REAL  
THING! IT'S GREAT!



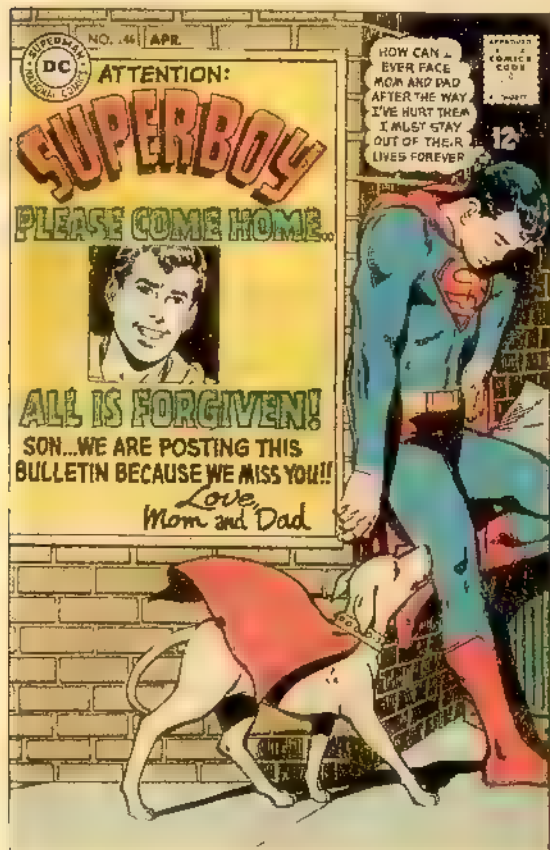


# DIRECT CURRENTS

Here we are with more previews of coming attractions in the dramatic new DC line. By the way, watch for a fabulously funny new feature, mingling mystery with mirth. . . ANGEL AND THE APE. . . coming soon in SHOWCASE! And now, on to this month's line-up of the latest at DC. . .

You're all invited to SCOOTER'S costume party, to see SYLVESTER show up as the King of Beasts. . . and what happens to "SYLVESTER THE LION-HEADED" shouldn't happen to a dog, much less a king-sized kitty! Also in this ish; a new feature called "SCOOTER'S HIP HUMOR!" So latch onto the May ish, No. 12, when it goes on sale Feb. 20

A notice is sent all over the country. . . "SUPERBOY . . . please come back! All is forgiven!—Mom and Dad." Is it possible . . . the BOY OF STEEL a runaway. . . giving up a comfortable home for the life of a hobo? It happens. . . with incredible consequences. . . in the BOY BLOCKBUSTER'S April issue, No. 146, which goes on sale Feb. 20!



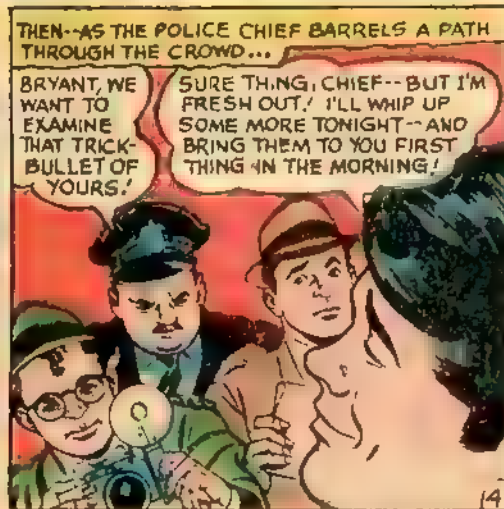
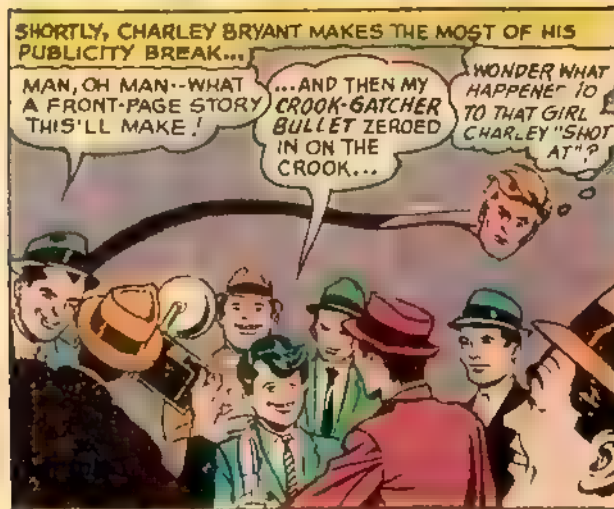
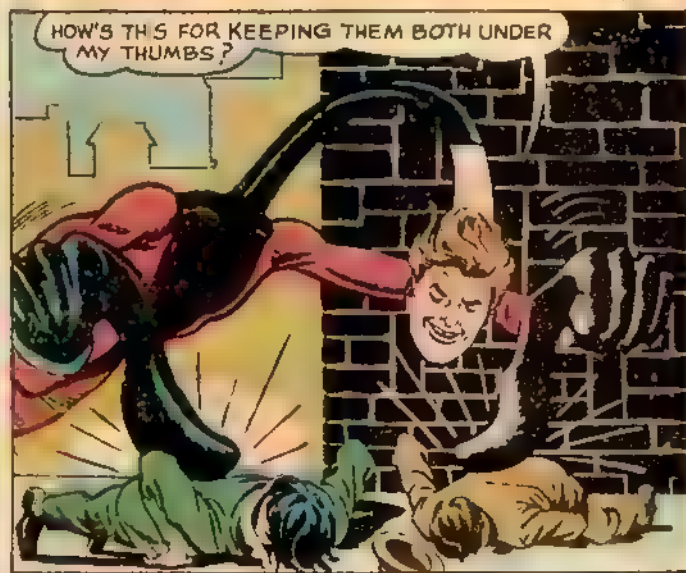
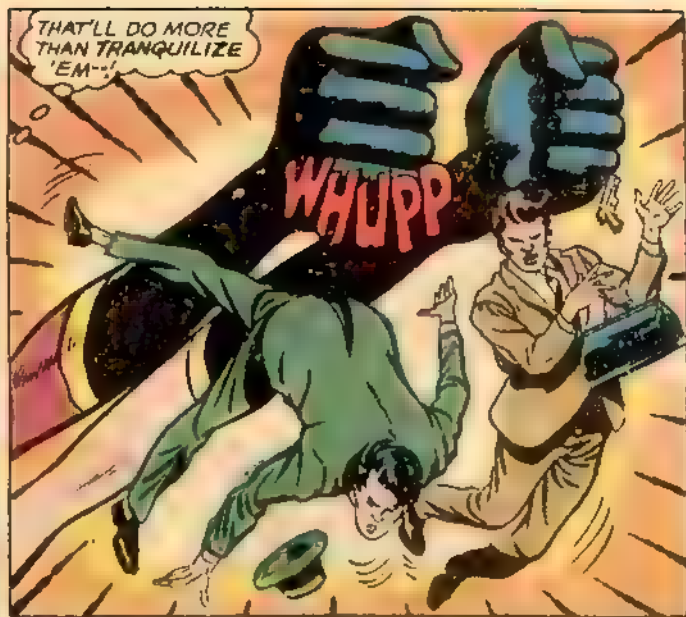
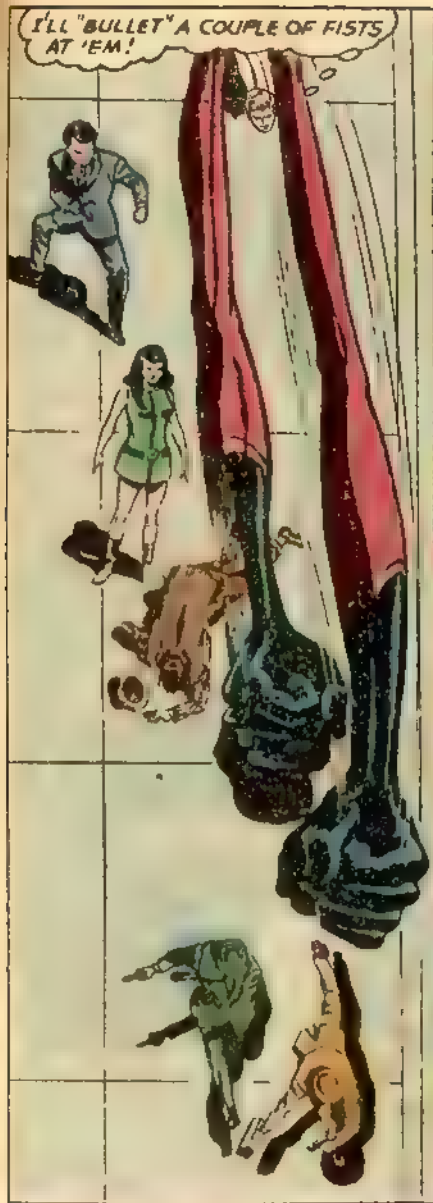
DEADMAN gets the shock of his "life" . . . or DEATH. . . when he comes face to face with murder suspect number one in "SO CLOSE TO MY KILLER!" And you'll be jolted by the electrifying revelation of the suspects identity, when you scan the latest story of the avenging ghost in the April STRANGE ADVENTURES, No. 211, on sale Feb. 29!

Attention, fun-lovers, collectors, and plain ol' comic readers! STANLEY'S made it! Yep, he has his own mag—STANLEY AND HIS MONSTER! It's all-new, all-fun, as our half-pint hero and his gang take off in a time machine to save his pop's job! Drawn by that amiable artistic ace, BOB OKSNER! May, No. 109, on sale Feb. 22!

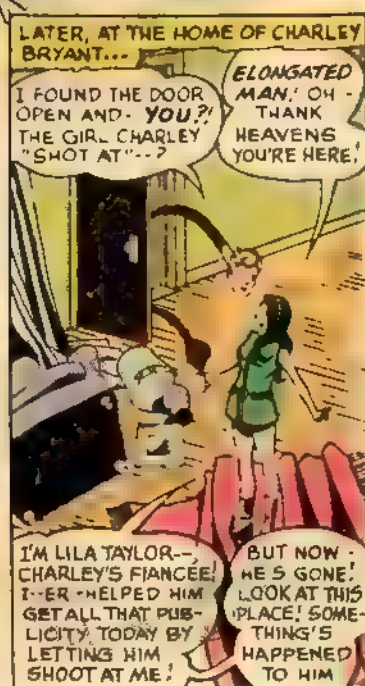
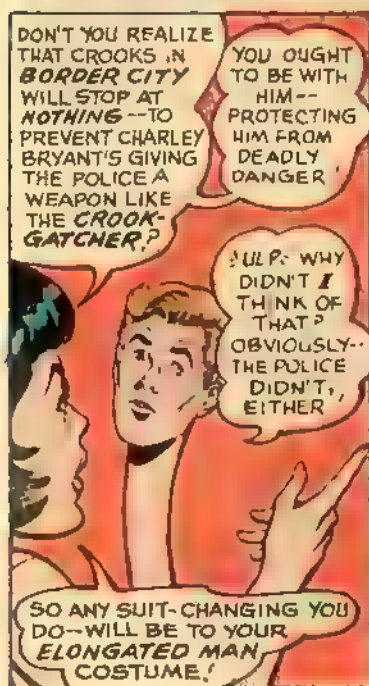
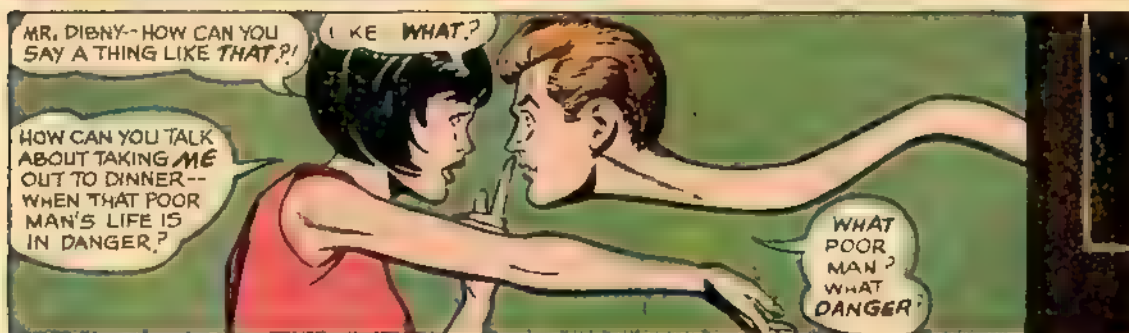
It's another great team-up when BATMAN joins forces with THE ATOM in the May ish of THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD, No. 77! Before they break ranks, they nearly wind up as a pair of DEAD super-doers! How they manage to stay alive in the face of fearful odds is detailed in the latest number of DC's team-up mag, which hits the stands Feb. 22!

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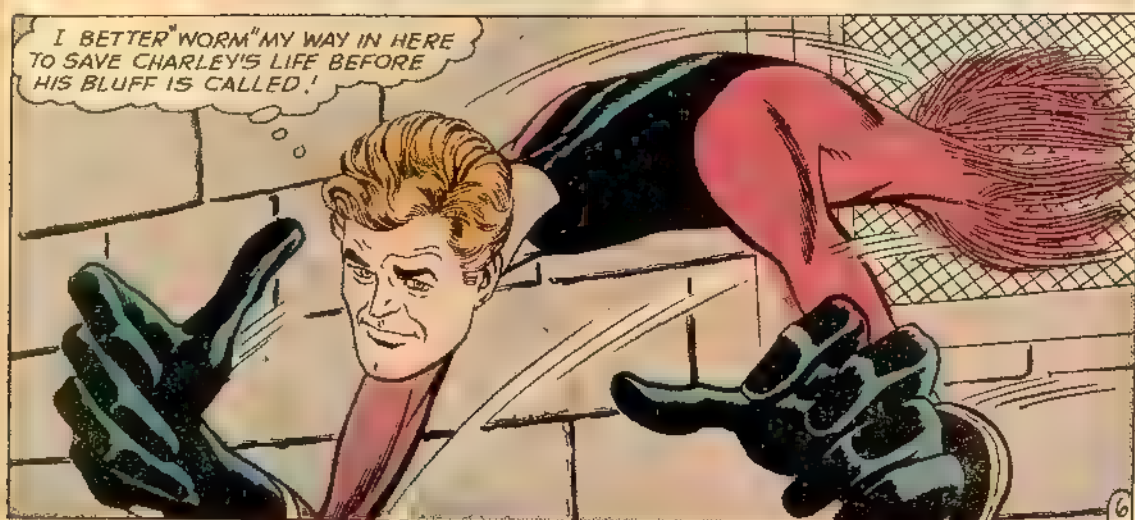




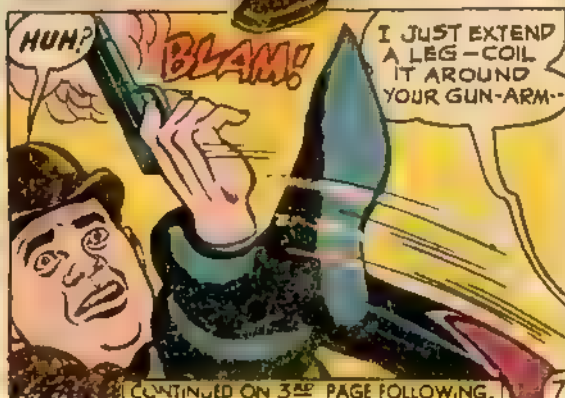
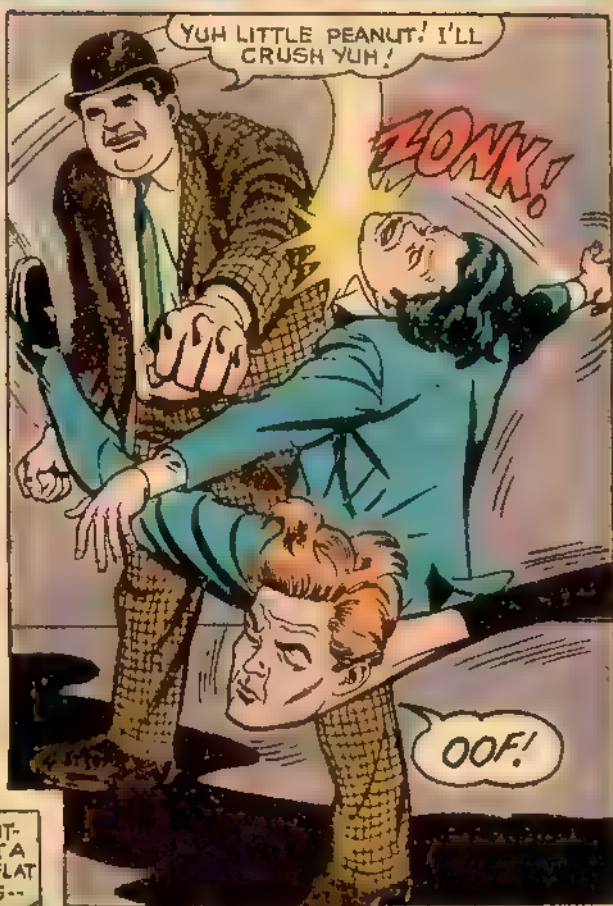
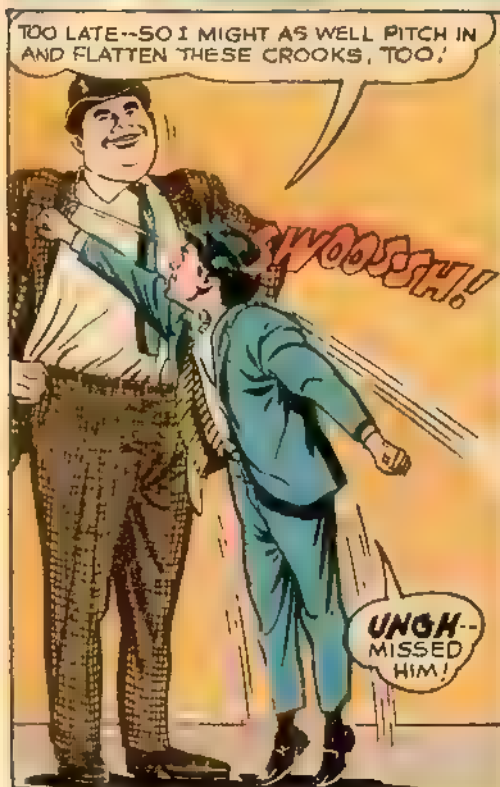
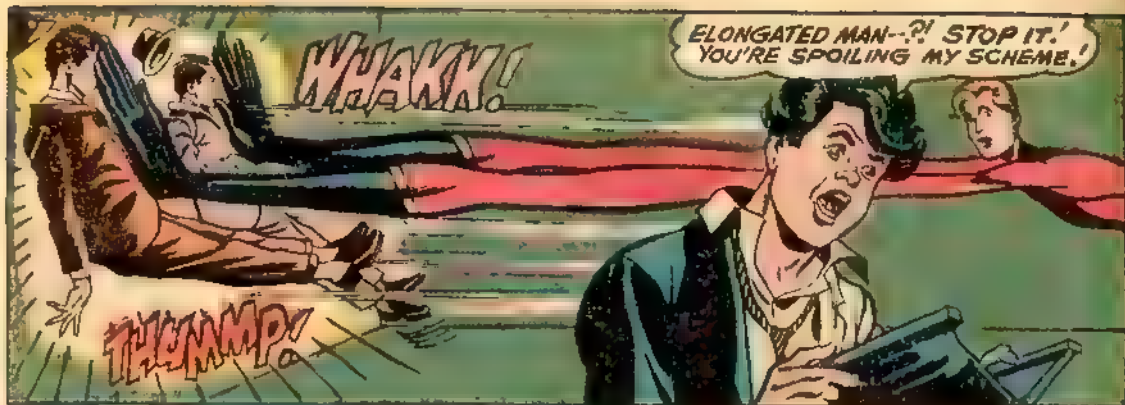














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...DOES  
**DEADMAN**  
ABANDON HIS  
HUNT FOR  
**THE HOOK?**

**WHY...**

DOES THE TRAIL  
END SOUTH OF  
THE BORDER?

**HOW...**

DOES **DEADMAN**  
BRING TO **LIFE**  
THE DREAMS OF  
A MAN DOOMED  
TO DESTRUCTION?

**WHO...**

IS THE MYSTERY  
MAN OUT OF HIS  
PAST--WHOSE  
IDENTITY  
**DEADMAN**  
**MUST**  
ASSUME?

**WHERE...**

DOES THE GRIM  
GHOST LAY HIS  
BORROWED LIFE  
ON THE LINE TO  
PAY AN OLD  
SCORE?

**WHAT...**

...STUNNING  
SURPRISES AWAIT  
**DEADMAN--AND**  
**YOU, THE READER--**  
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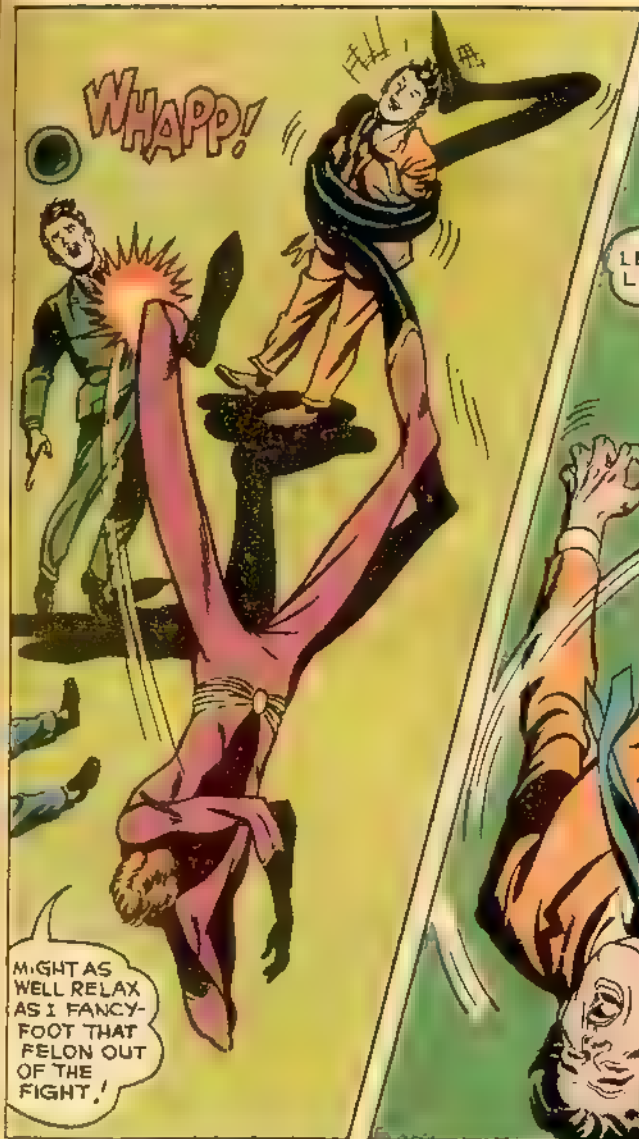
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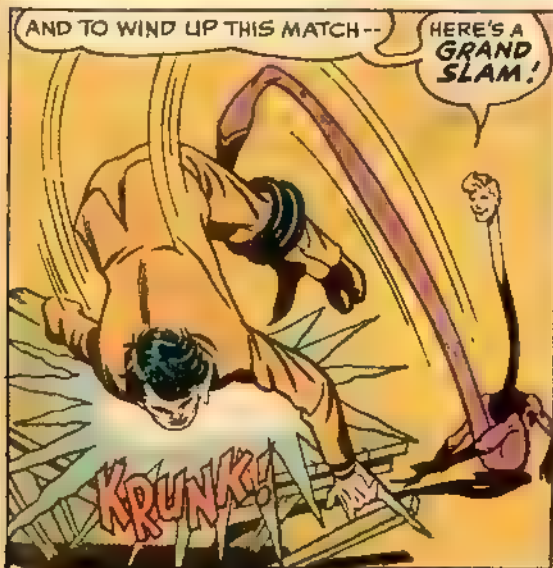
WHAPP!

MIGHT AS WELL RELAX AS I FANCY-FOOT THAT FELON OUT OF THE FIGHT!



LET GO! LET GO!

LEGGO WOULD BE MORE LIKE IT!



AND TO WIND UP THIS MATCH--

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"AS I FIRED A **BLANK SHOT** AT LILA, I'S MULTANEOUSLY TRIGGERED OFF THE ELECTRONIC IMPULSE THAT SILENTLY SHOT THE **REAL BULLET** OUT OF THE BELT'S STEEL BLOCK..."



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THEY CONTAIN-- TEAR GAS IN THIS HAT-- AN ELECTRIC GOAD DISGUISED AS A MAGICIAN'S WAND! WITH THEM...



YOU'D HAVE CAPTURED THE CROOKS ON YOUR OWN! BELIEVE ME, CHARLEY-- I'M SORRY I INTERFERED!

SOME DAYS LATER, AT THE **BORDER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**...

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**Question** What is so important about my ability to speak and write?

**Answer** People judge you by the way you speak and write. Good English is absolutely necessary for making a good impression and getting ahead in business and social life. You can't express your ideas fully or reveal your true personality without a sure command of good English.

**Question** What does a "command of good English" mean?

**Answer** It means you can express yourself clearly and easily without fear of embarrassment or making mistakes. It means you can write well, carry on a good conversation—also read rapidly and remember what you read.

**Question** Are there other advantages to be gained by acquiring a command of good English?

**Answer** Yes! Words are actually "tools of thought." The more you learn about words and how to use them to form and express your ideas, the better your thinking becomes. For this reason a command of good English often pays off in unexpected ways.

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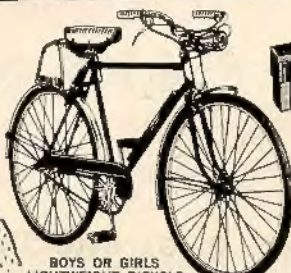
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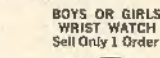
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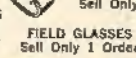
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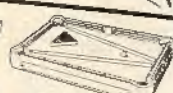
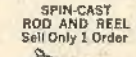


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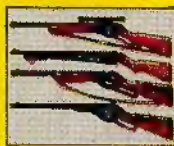
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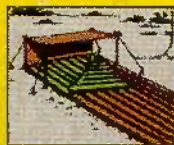
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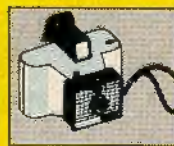
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